

ELISABETH I OF ENGLAND

1533-1603

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THE VIRGIN QUEEN.

MAIN EVENTS IN HER LIFE:

- *Queen Elisabeth was born in 1533.*
- *Became Queen in 1558.*
- *Declares a religious settlement in 1559.*
- *Defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588.*
- *Queen Elisabeth died 1603.*

Queen Elisabeth I was born in September 7, 1533 in Greenwich. She eventually claimed the throne at the age of 25 and held it for 44 years, keeping England in the ascendant through wars, and political and religious turmoil.

She was the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, who was beheaded when Elisabeth was two years old. And she was declared illegitimate because her father wanted a male heir. She was away from court until her brother, Edward, died in 1553, her sister Mary and Elisabeth came back to first line but it was after Mary's death when Elisabeth was proclaimed Queen of England in 1558. She inherited a country full of problems: They were in war against France and the religious tensions were all around the country. She established again the so-called Church of England and

the Pope Pious VI excommunicated her in 1570 and she ended the war with France.

Meanwhile she had to face internal problems: Her cousin Mary Stuart wanted to remove her from the throne and be the Queen of England. Elisabeth kept Mary imprisoned for nearly 20 years until she finally agreed to have her executed in 1587.

She seemed to have no interest in getting married, and because of this she was nicknamed The Virgin Queen. Elisabeth loved music, dancing and watching plays; during her time the arts flourished. The final years of Elisabeth's reign were marked with trouble, she had to face riots and rebellions but in spite of that she kept on being the same Queen of England of the beginning. She said: "Of myself, I must say this, I was never any greedy,



Picture of Queen Elisabeth I of England during her government.

scraping grasper, nor a strait, fast-holding prince, not yet a waster. My heart was never set on worldly but for my subjects' good.". Queen Elisabeth died in 1603, with her death came the end of the house of Tudor, that had ruled in England since the 1400s.